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Premier Briand left for Paris to-day saying that he was highly pleased with the recent informal talks here with Mr. Lloyd George. The relations of the leaders seemed to be most cordial. The French Premier, it is reported, left with the understanding that a request would be made of the Allied Supreme Council when it meets in Cannes early in January to invite the Powers that are interested to call an economic conference, in which the United States and Germany would be asked to participate, and possibly Russia, to work out a plan to set central Europe and Russia on their economic feet.

Meanwhile steps for the readjustment of European trade will be taken immediately. Lloyd George will confer with leading British business men before leaving for the south of France Monday, and similar meetings will be held in Paris. These meetings probably will be followed by a joint conference of experts. The question of reparations will be considered separately from the other economic problems affecting Europe.

Question of Indemnity.

The question before the Supreme Council will be how to get indemnities from Germany without causing the collapse of the mark. Both French and British agreed that Germany can pay the next installment, but the British fear the consequences of forcing such payment. Officials here anticipate that the Italians will sympathize with the British, while the Belgians probably will support the French in their insistence on firmness.

After the conference with Lloyd George this morning Premier Briand said: "The discussions have been most agreeable and cordial throughout. The points of view are practically in accord and the conversations achieved what was most intended, a basis for discussion by the Supreme Council." As the result of the meeting an understanding with each other on practically all essential points has been brought nearer. Premier Lloyd George was friendly and frank throughout, and it will be with great pleasure that all of us will meet him on French soil next week. The reparations question will hold the place of priority and the general economic conditions of Europe will be discussed. There have been conversations on Russia, but no decisions have been reached.

The tentative date for the Cannes meeting is January 2, 4 and 5. Mr. Lloyd George will spend Christmas in London and will confer all day tomorrow with industrialists and financiers. The increasing difficulties of the European situation and the Irish situation have forced him this week to practically abandon all hopes of going to America.

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Associated Press).—The discussions held by Premier Lloyd George and Briand, it was learned to-day, were much wider in scope than the mere debating of the German reparations situation.

First, it develops, they thoroughly reviewed the numerous plans suggested for fixing the reparations payments on a basis mutually agreeable to France and Great Britain, with regard also to insuring Germany's economic stability. The questions of the restoration of Austria and the possibility of bringing Russia within the councils of the nations were next gone into.

Then it was decided that the best course to pursue would be to suggest to the Supreme Council that it ask the Powers in a position to render the necessary assistance to appoint a competent commission to devise a comprehensive plan of dealing with the difficulties.

Former German Reconstruction Minister Rathenau, who has been in London during the conversations, to-day expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the Premier's parleys.

Deposits 17,250 Pennies, Savings of a Lifetime

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 22.—Seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty pennies. That is the "crop" of a country storekeeper, N. S. Whitaker, who to-day carried them to town in a plain burlap sack and deposited them in one of the city banks.

Driving up to the front of the bank the merchant got out and with many grunts shouldered his cargo into the bank. It was a precious burden of 150 pounds.

The merchant brought the savings to the bank on his fiftieth birthday and the amount represented the period of time in which he has been collecting the pennies. He tried to save a penny a day, he said, excepting the national holidays, and believes that he succeeded.

GERMANY GAINS TIME ON DIESEL ENGINES

Sale to Highest Bidder Urged
by Americans.

PARIS, Dec. 22 (Associated Press).—The Council of Ambassadors has granted permission to Germany to retain until March 31 three hundred Diesel engines, which have been the subject of allied controversy since the armistice. This is the third postponement of final decision on a matter in which American business interests are much concerned.

The engines, admitted by the allied experts to be the finest airplane engines in existence to-day, were manufactured by Germany for her Air Service, but had not been placed in use when the armistice was signed. The French have urged their destruction on the ground that Germany could not be trusted to put them to commercial use, but would retain them as potential war material. American and British interests have disputed this point of view on the theory that it is foolish to destroy valuable commercial material which is hard to replace without great cost. American interests are urging their sale to the highest bidder.

LORD RIDDELL URGES BIGGER TYPE IN PAPERS

Too Small for Average
Reader, He Says on Sailing.

Lord Riddell, liaison officer at the arms conference, between the British delegation and the American and foreign newspapermen, sailed yesterday for Southampton by the Royal Mail liner *Orbita*, immensely pleased with his visit and his experiences here. He said he would be back next year and spend two months or more visiting the middle West and probably the Pacific coast States.

In regard to the American newspapers Lord Riddell said:

"The main type of the greater part of your daily journals is too small for the average eyesight of the average reader. Some time ago British publishers found their type too small and changed it for a larger size. I think the change could be made advantageous to the majority of American newspapers. I believe the small type is a contributing cause to the poor eyesight of your people, who, I must admit, are omnivorous readers."

FILM ACTOR DRIVES HIS CAR INTO RIVER

R. R. Edwards Rescued at End
of Rope in the Harlem.

Roland R. Edwards of 628 Bergen avenue, The Bronx, a motion picture actor, drove his automobile into the Harlem River at the foot of Second avenue last night, but was rescued by two men after half an hour's hard work. The man, Thomas O'Shea of 521 East 157th street, The Bronx, and William Riley of 252 East 128th street, pulled Edwards out of the river at the end of a rope.

Edwards told the police that he was driving his car along Second avenue and the shadow of the elevated structure made him think the road continued further than it did. Consequently he drove his car over the bulkhead. It dropped twenty feet into the water. Edwards jumped from behind the steering wheel as the automobile went over and managed to get out of it. He cried for help and O'Shea and Riley heard him. He dived out in the boiler room of the East 126th street station and then went home.

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NEW HOMES FOUND FOR FOUR CHILDREN

Spirit of Christmas Fills Court
When Three Little Girls and
a Boy Are Adopted.

The spirit of Christmas filled the trial room of the Surrogate's Court for an hour yesterday when Surrogate John P. Cochran gave homes and futures to three little girls and a boy by making them the legal children of four sets of foster parents and set straight the status of another boy and girl by making them the heirs before the law of step-parents with whom they have been living.

The first child to be decreed the legal child of a mother who is not his actual mother was John Koch Smart, 10 years old, who has lived most of his life with Mrs. Emma R. Smart at 608 West End avenue. His father, John Koch Smart like himself, but dead now, was married to John's own mother originally and was divorced and had married Mrs. Emma Smart, who formally adopted him yesterday. His real mother, Eleanor Smart, was in court.

"I love my child enough to consider his interests before my own," she said, "and I have put my feelings behind me in asking that Mrs. Emma Smart may be allowed to become his legal mother. I am obliged to earn my living, while Mrs. Emma Smart has an independent income, and what is more, the leisure to watch over him carefully and guide him as a growing boy should be guided. It is for this reason that I gave him into his father's charge shortly after we were divorced, although the court had awarded him to me."

Harriet Jeanette Bransfield, 5 years old, was adopted by her stepfather, William F. Pink of 468 East 101st street, with the approval and on the joint petition of her mother, Mrs. Helen Irene Pink, who was a widow when she and Mr. Pink were married. The adoption was principally to fix the child's legal position if her mother should predecease her or her new father.

The four children without homes or parents who were given both were Jane Grant, Olga Shateka, Ruth Mentzen and Stanley Patten.

The Society of the Alumnae of Spence School brought about the adoption of the first two children, and acknowledgment of work of a similar sort that it is doing was duly made in court. For several years the society has engaged, as far as it could, in the philanthropy of finding homes for homeless babies, and the foster parents which it recommends to court are investigated as exhaustively as though they aspired to exalted honors.

Ultimately Jane Grant was adopted by Samuel Worcester Sargent and Marion Bigelow Sargent of Wynewood, Pa., and Olga Shateka by Arthur Alexia Bryant and Helen Lund Bryant of 120 Convent avenue. Jane is 2½ years old and Olga a year younger.

Ruth Mentzen and Stanley Patten were wards of the Children's Aid Society until yesterday. Surrogate Cochran gave Ruth, who was born in April, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Frank of Orange, N. J., and Stanley, who is 3 years old, to Mr. and Mrs. Porter Wheaton Averill of Elizabeth, N. J.

FINLAND NAMES NEW ENVOY.
HELSINKI, Finland, Dec. 22.—L. Astrom has been appointed Minister for Finland to the United States, in succession to Armas H. Saastamoinen.



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Turkeys Down 10 Cents Wholesale, but 3 Retail

TURKEY prices went down ten cents a pound in wholesale markets yesterday, but the decline in retail prices was but from three to five cents a pound, although further reductions are expected to-day. In Washington Market yesterday the finest birds sold for 60 and 62 cents a pound. The State Department of Farms and Markets said that the city was overstocked with turkeys, twenty carloads having come into New York this week.

Heavy snowfalls in Canada and New England have caused a shortage in Christmas trees, which are now selling wholesale at from \$3.50 to \$4.50 for a bundle of from two to six trees. They are being sold retail at from \$1 to \$3 each, although in some sections the retailers are asking as high as \$10 a tree.

MAN KILLED IN FIRE; SHOTS AID TENANTS

Occupants in East 124th Street
Building Escape While Porter
Burns to Death.

One man was burned to death and property damage of nearly \$200,000 was caused by fire in New York city yesterday. Benjamin Rocklein, 75, a hotel porter, who lived alone in a three room apartment on the top floor of 416 East 124th street, was smothered and burned in a fire confined to his apartment. He is believed to have been started by his pipe. Other tenants in the house were aroused by shots fired from the windows as a fire alarm and escaped safely, aided by police attracted by the shots. The damage was not great.

Several hundred workers, including 300 girls, marched in perfect order out of a burning six story factory at 49 Clymer street, Brooklyn, using stairs and fire escapes which passed windows through which smoke was pouring. No one was injured. The flames, fanned by the high wind, swept through the building, despite the work of firemen and apparatus called by four alarms. The damage, principally to contents, was not estimated.

A few hours later a three story brick factory at 712-718 Wythe avenue, Brooklyn, not far away, burned and tenants in four buildings nearby were forced to vacate because it was feared the fire would spread. The damage was estimated at more than \$100,000. A three story brick building at 217 and 219 Eighth avenue, Manhattan, used for stores and loft was swept by fire which did \$50,000 damage. Six firemen fell into the water filled basement following the collapse of the ground floor, but were able to find their way out unhurt.

HYLAN AND CRAIG SWORN IN.

It became known yesterday that Mayor Hylan and Controller Craig were sworn in for another four year term on Wednesday. There was no explanation as to why so much secrecy had been observed. The Mayor took the oath before Supreme Court Justice Burr.

RETAIL PROFITEERS TO BE PROSECUTED

Attorney-General Instructs W.
J. Burns to Investigate
Flagrant Overcharging.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

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War on extortion among retailers of foods, clothing and fuel was declared to-day by Attorney-General Daugherty.

The Attorney-General said that Government processes under the anti-trust statutes are to be employed to curb tactics among dealers, aided and abetted chiefly by "smart fellows" among the legal fraternity to advise them in courses of law breaking.

William J. Burns, chief investigator of the Department of Justice, was instructed by the Attorney-General to go to the root of the high price evil, as it affects consumers on commodities principally needed in the average household. Mr. Burns was directed to put all of the Government's available investigative talent into action, in a country-wide survey that is designed to establish and expose causes for flagrant overcharging on groceries, meats, shoes, clothing and coal.

Mr. Daugherty said that the housewife and others who have to deal at retail stores are justified in feeling keenly increased over the continued taking of unfair profits when the producers of most of the things that are essential in the daily life of the people are receiving rock bottom prices for their labor and their products.

"The injustice of this high price wave among retailers is illustrated fairly well when the consumer at restaurants is forced to pay \$1.25 for a sirloin steak that weighs probably not more than three ounces," said Mr. Daugherty.

Mr. Daugherty believes that in certain lines one of the reasons for high prices is the existence of conspiracies designed to circumvent the law.

Attorney-General Daugherty said that many of the individuals and business concerns which were guilty of maintaining lawless practices in order to defeat

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the normal laws of competition, have stopped, and promised to obey the law. A great many others, however, Mr. Daugherty said, continue to use "long conversational powers," trying to show the Department of Justice that the Government is wrong. Mr. Daugherty said it is entirely up to such persons and concerns to decide themselves which way they will go, and that the pathway had been cleared for them by the United States Supreme Court, in the *Hardwood* case, and by other courts which have recently upheld the Government in its anti-trust actions, to check unfair combinations in restraint of trade and commerce.

MEYER INQUIRY TAKES A REST

State Senator Meyer, chairman of the joint legislative committee which has been investigating the affairs of the city of New York, announced yesterday that the committee had adjourned its public hearings until after the holidays when an investigation of the Dock Department probably will be continued.

BANTON TO ASSUME OFFICE ON HOLIDAY

Technicality Confronts New
District Attorney.

Although January 1 is a legal holiday, and in addition falls this year on Sunday, Josh H. Banton, District Attorney, may elect, announced yesterday that his office would be open on that day and that all members of his staff will be present to take up their duties.

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